Year	No. of infiltrators
2002	1729
2003	1313
2003 (upto October)	1211
2004 (upto October)	496

Assam villages on the Bangladesh side of the fence

617. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Assam villages with population thereof which are on the Bangladesh side of the fence on the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) whether these villagers can have access only during day time with the neighbouring villages etc. under strict surveillance of the authorities manning the border and feel highly inconvenienced and humiliated; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to rectify the faulty fencing so as to ensure normal life for these villagers and by when that is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) 14 villages, having a population of 1974 in the State of Assam are on the Bangladesh side of the fence along Indo-Bangladesh Border. There is no restriction on the movement of villagers to the neighbouring villages outside the fence. However, their movement is regulated by BSF for security reasons. The villagers are generally satisfied with the prevailing arrangements as Gate Management on the fence has catered to the villagers' convenience to the maximum possible extent during the day time. In order to provide accessibility to the border residents, gates have been provided at appropriate places after due consultation with the local people to enable them to go across the fencing to attend to their routine agriculture and other activities. The timings for opening of the gates have also been decided in consultation with the local residents. A BSF guard is posted at every gate to help the local people to open the gate as and when required by them. In case of emergencies, the movement is

also permitted during the night time. The villagers living outside the fence are not suffering any humiliation from the BSF side.

Recruitment in CISF from Andhra Pradesh

618. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CISF is not recruiting adequate number of people from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a poor record of recruitment from Andhra Pradesh;

(c) what is the present system and details of procedure and policies for recruitment in CISF; and

(d) what steps will be taken to rectify the poor recruitment record of CISF in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The population of Andhra Pradesh is 7.37% of the toal population of India and there are 3589 Constables in CISF from Andhra Pradesh which works out to approximately 7.31% of the strength of the Force and is considered adequate.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per recruitment policy, 100% vacancies are allotted to various States/UTs according to the population ratio of the State and vacancies are notified through Employment News/Rozgar Samachar as well as National/Regional Newspaper. Doordarshan and All India Radio are also requested to give wide publicity. Recruitment is conducted as per following procedure:—

(a) Checking/verification of eligibility standards

(b) Conduct of Physical Efficiency Test

(c) Written Examination

(d) Interview

(e) Medical examination.